

# American Library News

**Newsletter of the American Library - U.S. Consulate General, Johannesburg**  
Serving the Library Community in the Gauteng, Free State and North West Provinces

**March/April 2006**

## **The American Library & Information Resource Center in Soweto Celebrate 30 Years! Renaming of the Library to Rosa Parks Library**



### **Rosa Parks (1913-2005) - her story:**

She transformed the South and changed America forever. She ignited the movement that caused the beginning of the end for segregation and the start of the epic journey of Martin Luther King, who became the acknowledged leader of the Civil Rights Movement. Read more about this remarkable woman, who was an ordinary person but *changed the course of history!!!!!!*

## **COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEARNERS**

As part of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the SOWETO LIBRARY, the U.S. Culture and Information Center is partnering with THE SOWETAN to sponsor an essay competition for secondary school learners, Gr 8-12.

***Topic: How ordinary people can make a difference, as Rosa Parks did.***

**Closing date: March 31, 2006**

The winner will have her/his essay published and receive a cash prize plus books; the winner's school will also receive a computer

The renaming celebrations will be taking place from April, 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ipelegeng Community Center. An exiting program has been planned for this momentous occasion.

To learn more about our celebration events or details regarding the essay competition, please call:

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***More entries from the school increase  
the chance to win a computer!!  
Enter Now***

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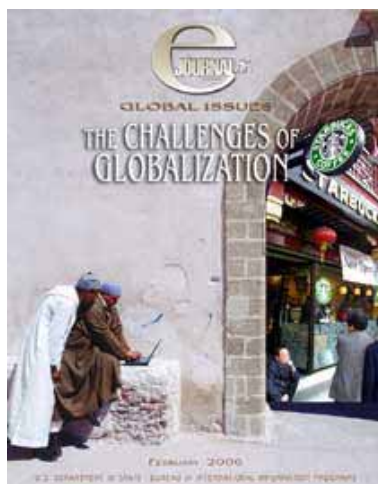
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## **New E-PUBLICATIONS**

### **The Challenges of Globalization**



An Electronic Journal of  
the U.S. Department of  
State  
February 2006

- About This Issue
- The Future of Globalization
- Whose Culture? A Dialogue
- New Threats and New Opportunities
- Additional Reading

**Available at:**

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itgic/0206/ijge/ijge0206.htm>

### **Women of Influence**

Prepared to commemorate International Women's Day, this electronic offering chronicles how 12 notable American women broke new ground, some by championing equal rights for all and others by their accomplishments in fields such as government, literature, and even in war. These women — from the Native-American Sacagawea, who guided white settlers through a vast wilderness, to Sojourner Truth, who fought for the end of slavery and equal rights for all, to Jeannette Rankin, who spoke for the health of women and children in Congress — believed that they had a contribution to make and did not shrink from the obstacles in their way. This account of their accomplishments is a reminder that all societies benefit from the talents and expertise of their women.

**Available at:**

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/womeninfln/>

**A hard copy of these publications or any previous publication may be requested from the IRC, Johannesburg**



## **Resource Sharing**

**Books on African-American history and science were presented to the following institutions during February / March:**

- Humana People to People, Doornkop
- Ikageng Community Library, Potchefstroom
- Diphakweng Primary School, Qwaqwa
- Hlajoane High School, Qwaqwa
- Alexandra Children's Library, Johannesburg

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Soweto Library -- April 19-21
- World book Day -- April, 23

### **“Heads up” on Cultural Programs of the American Culture and Information Center**

- March, 28 Prof. E. Wilcots will present a Space program at the Johannesburg Planetarium.
- Want to study in the USA? Attend a free group information session every Thursday afternoon at 14:30. For more information, contact the Educational Advisor (011 838 2231)
- Always wanted to be a writer? Join our very own and exiting book club at the Soweto library.

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